have transferred their records upto 1947 to the National Archives of India. The records of the Viceroy's Secretariat have not, however, been retired to the National Archives of India.

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As a result of the detailed discussion which followed about the nature and whereabouts of these series, the resolution was withdrawn by Dr.Gupta. The Chairman, however, suggested that the Director of Archives, Government of India, and the State Directors of Archives, might try to find out the position regarding the records in the Rashtrapati Bhawan and Raj Bhawans.

(2)(a) Weeding of records in the Central and State Archives by trained Archivists

Resolution by Dr.H.L.Gupta

In the interest of completeness of official records of historical value,it is resolved that (i) the weeding of records at the various sources by untrained persons be stopped; and (ii) the weeding may either be done in the various Departments with the help of trained Archivists or in the Central and State Archives where the records are to be placed ultimately.

Secretary's Note

In this connection, it may be noted that the weeding Sub-Committee of the Local Records Sub-Committee(1958) and the Committee on Archival Legislation (1960) have recommended that the work of appraisal should be entrusted to "specially qualified Departmental Record Officers". (Para 39 of Report)

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Dr.Prasad explained that the task of appraising the records was a highly technical one, and was considered at length by the Committee on Archival Legislation. The Committee recommended that the final review should be conducted in association with the National Archives of India. While emphasising the role of the archivist in the appraisal process, it stated - "The archivists are the persons most in contact with the research workers and their knowledge of what the latter wish to consult can be of great use in exercising the historical criterion". After some discussion, the Commission adopted the following resolution:

> Resolution IV Resolved that in the interest of completeness of official records of historical value, weeding of records at the various levels by untrained persons be stopped.

(b) Deputation of Technicians of the History Departments of the Universities to assist Government Departments in weeding their records

Resolution by Dr.M.A.Muttalib:

'Resolved that the Assistant Technicians attached to the History Departments of the Universities may be deputed to the Government Departments to help them in the Weeding out of these Departmental records from time to time.

Secretary's Note

It appears that the point is substantially covered in Resolution IV of the 40th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission (1970) which requested the Government of India and the State Governments to associate scholars in the framing of policies concerning selection of records for permanent preservation. The resolution was forwarded to the Government of India and the State Governments for consideration (Vide Conspectus, Paper No.1 of the Agenda).